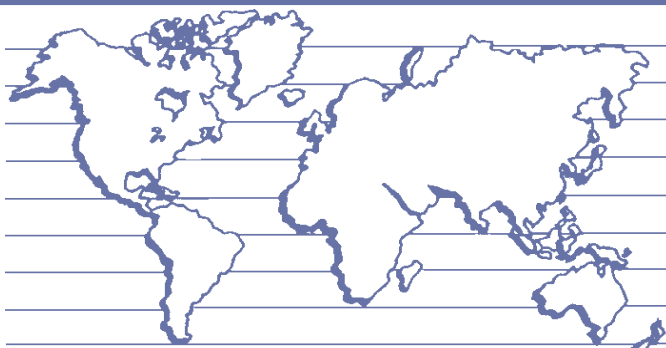


# The Messenger

News for Women in Mission



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"Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2

## Jesus, our Rock & Refuge

The Eastern Zone is ready to welcome you to Fargo June 27-29 for the 2008 North Dakota District Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention. We are very happy to have you join with us in celebrating the hope and salvation we have in **Jesus, our Rock and Refuge!**

Our committees have been busy preparing for your arrival. We hope you will join us - bring a friend or your family.

Blessings to you in Jesus—our **Rock & Refuge**  
Rhonda & Louise  
Co-Chairmen



## Your Mite is Powerful!

Great news! Our 2006-2008 Mission Grant Goal is in reach! Our Lord has blessed us "MITE-ILY!" We have one grant to fund to Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads to defray costs related to all of our Bible Camps and the wonderful ministry of faith in Christ that they portray to all of the campers.

And now, a personal note: I thank God for the opportunity to learn and grow in my faith as I have served as your VP of Mission Grants these past four years. I pray that God will guide the voters as they consider the 28 new grant proposals at our Fargo convention. **Our Mites have been and will continue to be Powerful!!**

Paulette Huber, VP of Mission Grants



## OFFICIAL CALL TO CONVENTION

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The mission of the North Dakota LWML is to equip and encourage all women to share the compassion and hope of Jesus Christ.

## President's Message

### Only One Way

I picked up my grandson Layne for kindergarten this morning as usual. As we backed out of the driveway, he said, "Let's take a different way to school this morning, Grandma." I thought about it. "There is only one way to your school," I said.

Layne and his family live about 6 blocks west, and on the same street, as Martin Luther School in Bismarck. There really is only one way - straight east on Avenue C. We could have turned and gone out of our way, arriving at the school from a different direction but that would be silly.

I got to thinking.... there is really only one way to heaven - by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ. But as we trip through our life, we seem to go out of our way to fall off the path - we follow what we feel is logical thinking and end up far from Christ. And when I say 'we', I mean 'me'..... How does that happen!? I think we 'fall off the path' when we focus on temporal things and I thank God, that He has given us a Guidebook to protect and teach us.

In Luke, Jesus asked, "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not what I say?" I call myself a Child of God. When people look at me, do they see the nature of Christ? God has called His children to worship and serve the Lord (Matt. 4:10), to pray continually (1 Thess. 5:17), to seek forgiveness and forgive others (Matt. 6:14), and the list goes on! I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me! (Phil. 4:13). I have the opportunity to do these things through the LWML. I have the obligation to share these opportunities - and so do you!

As we approach spring planting season here in North Dakota, I urge each of you to plant some seeds of Hope in Christ. Do this by inviting others to your Bible studies, your rallies, and the district convention, volunteering to help a neighbor and smiling as you go about your daily tasks. Oh yes, and don't gossip, complain, or ridicule. Show the love and mercy of Jesus in all that you do and others will be drawn to you. Seem impossible? Then, say it again - "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me!"

This is the last message I will write as your district president. I cannot put into words what this experience has meant to me. Thank you for your trust, your prayers, and your friendship. We are the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We encourage one another and hold each other to account. We serve because He served, and we love because He loves.

There is only one way to heaven, and we know who He is - Jesus Christ crucified. And so, in this season of renewal, go - make disciples, teach, serve, and tell, remembering He is with us always, even to the end of the age!

*By grace, walking with the Lord,  
Debbie*



Debbie Larson



## Counselor's Corner

Dear Sisters in Christ,

How quickly time flies! I remember attending Pastor David Suelzle's ordination at St. Paul's Minot the summer after I had graduated from High School. Knowing that I was going on to become a pastor, he shared some words of wisdom with me that day. He said, "Tim, you will be surprised how quickly the next eight years will fly by!" At the time, being young and foolish, I thought he was absolutely crazy.

There have been other times that someone has told me - "The older you get the faster time goes." And once again, in the past, I have considered these comments absolutely crazy. But I have begun to realize how quickly time does go by. It was a mere four years ago this summer that I was elected as Junior Counselor. At the time Pastor Smelser became the Senior Counselor, and due to illness was not able to make it to many events after the Convention in Jamestown. That was four years ago - my how quickly time flies by!

How quickly time flies by, but the work of the Lord continues! There will be many more Junior Counselors elected over the years, but the work of the Lord continues; there will be many other LWML District President's and all kinds of other LWML officers elected, but the work of the Lord continues. Unless Jesus returns, we will all eventually breathe our last and be taken to our heavenly home, but the work of the Lord continues!

In Acts 1:8 Jesus tells His disciples: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

These last four years have been spent with a wonderful group who has a heart for the Lord and carrying out HIS work across the North Dakota District and to the ends of the earth. I always thank God for all those in the North Dakota LWML and I thank HIM for the time spent together.

The LWML is truly a group with  
its heart in the right place,  
its eyes focused on the correct thing (the cross of Christ),  
its mouth ready to speak loving and kind words,  
its feet ready to go anywhere for the Savior,  
its arms outstretched to welcome all,  
its mind having one thought - to proclaim Christ crucified to all.

May the LWML and its members across North Dakota continue to be Jesus with skin on!

*In His service & love -  
Pastor Tim Jenks*



Pastor Tim Jenks  
Senior Counselor



# CALL TO CONVENTION

Lutheran Women's  
Missionary League

ND District Convention  
June 27-29, 2008

## *April, 2008 ~ Official Call to Convention!*

All members of the ND LWML,

Greetings in the name of *Jesus, Our Rock & Refuge!* This is your official Call to Convention. The ND LWML will meet in convention on June 27-29, 2008. Our theme scriptural verses, Psalm 62: 5-7, and the adopted goals and objectives will keep our agenda focused on our Lord and Savior.

Delegates to our convention will have voice and vote. Guests will benefit from the displays, speakers, Bible studies, and fellowship. Conventions allow you to bring new ideas home to your units, learn about LWML products and materials, and restore your eagerness for sharing the Gospel. Mite offerings historically increase after conventions in joyful response to missionary messages.

I wish I could call each of you and invite you personally to come to Fargo. Please, join me and the women of the Eastern Zone as we renew our commitment to serve our Triune God, relying on *Jesus, Our Rock & Refuge.* I look forward to welcoming each of you!

In His service, to His glory,

Debbie Larson  
North Dakota LWML President

### **Please note:**

**All Convention Delegate information is included in this publication. No additional information will be sent out.**  
**All items in this publication may be reproduced.**

### **PROPOSED GOAL STATEMENT**

All convention attendees will celebrate and share with everyone the hope and salvation we have in Jesus, our Rock and Refuge.

### **PROPOSED OBJECTIVES:**

1. Rejoice that Jesus, our Rock, keeps us secure in our faith unto salvation;
2. Be assured that in Jesus, our Refuge, we can find rest and deliverance from life's difficulties;
3. Remain in God's Word as we confidently reach out to everyone with acts of love and the Gospel message.

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*Psalm 62:5-7*

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.



The North Dakota District Lutheran Women's Missionary League will meet in Convention at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, North Dakota, June 27-29, 2008.

Each unit may select two delegates who shall have voice and vote at the convention. The names and addresses of these delegates and alternates for each delegate must be in the hands of the District Recording Secretary no later than May 27, 2008. This is mandated by our bylaws.

## REGISTRATION

A convention registration form can be found in this publication of the Messenger. All Registration forms are due by **May 31, 2008**; with no refund given after June 14, 2008. Forms along with payment will be sent to Louise Tegtmeier.

## HOUSING

Each person attending the convention is responsible for their own housing accommodations. Rooms are being held at the Holiday Inn (701-282-2700). When calling for reservations, be sure to mention that you are with the LWML for a rate of \$99.95 a night. **Or you may choose to stay as a guest in a local LWML'ers home.** Please call Beth Fortier at 701-388-4536 about this option. Available homes are limited to first-come, first-served.

## CONVENTION SITE

The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn, 3803 13th Ave South, Fargo, North Dakota.

## AGENDA

Registration will be held at the Holiday Inn on Friday between the hours of 12:30—6:00 pm. Servant events will begin at 1:00 pm. A Mission Festival and fellowship time (5:30—7:00) followed by Opening Worship at 7:30 will be held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1005 1st Street East, West Fargo. We will meet in convention from 8:00 am to 5:15 pm on Saturday. Convention hours will be 8:30 am—until about 11:30 am on Sunday. We will worship directly after the close of convention at the Holiday Inn. Your families are invited to join both worship services.

## YOUNG/NEW WOMEN

Encourage young women or women new to the LWML to attend the convention or to serve as a

delegate. Help to send a third (non-voting) representative so she can be an active recipient of what LWML has to offer.

The District Young Women's Committee is making plans to welcome all young women to the convention. A lunch with Past President Linda Reiser is planned for Saturday. Young women (ages 18-35) have a discounted registration, if attending with a full paying member.

## CONVENTION OFFERINGS

The **first offering** will be designated for Mites. The **second offering** will go to The Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots US. This offering recipient was chosen by Rev. Peske. He is an associate staff member of LAMP US. The **third offering** will be designated for the SW Fargo Mission, Crosspointe Lutheran Church. Share this information with the members of your church as well as your unit so they may have the opportunity to give.

## CHOIR

Plan to sing in the convention choir! Indicate your interest on the registration form and music will be mailed to you. Practice will be held at St. Andrew's at 5:00 pm on Friday.



## CHILD CARE

Child care will be available at the Holiday Inn for children 12 and under. There will be no charge for child care. There will be an all day session on Saturday from 7:30 am—5:30 pm with lunch provided. Please complete the child care portion of the Registration Form. Details will be sent to you. **All children must be pre-registered by May 31, 2008.**



### BYLAW CHANGES

No bylaw changes will be proposed at the convention.

### LWML STORE

Many LWML products will be available at the LWML Store at the Holiday Inn. Stop by to pick up great Bible studies, devotions, retreat ideas, clothing, jewelry and more.

### MISSION FESTIVAL

All participants are invited to a Mission Festival, including a buffet supper being held between 5:30—7:00 pm at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. This is a casual affair giving you the opportunity to visit with our speakers on a one-on-one basis. Samples of African and Native American food will be prepared by the women of the Eastern Zone.



Honored guests at the Mission Festival will be Linda Reiser, Rev. Mark Peske, Rev. Carl Gnewuch, President Debbie Larson, all past District Presidents, the ND Board of Directors and all candidates to the ND Board of Directors.

Be sure to mark on your registration form that you will be joining us at the Mission Buffet so our hostesses can be prepared.

### SERVANT EVENTS

Servant events will be held Friday afternoon between 1:00-4:00 pm. The following four events will be held at the Holiday Inn:

- ☐ ☐ Marking Bibles for prison ministry—pens and instructions will be provided.
- ☐ ☐ Blood mobile—If you sign up to give blood you will be contacted to set up a time. The bloodmobile will be in the Holiday Inn parking lot.
- ☐ ☐ Making fleece blankets—please bring a pair of scissors and a 54 inch piece of fleece (fleece is usually 50-60 inches wide). Instructions will be provided.
- ☐ ☐ Cutting Box Tops and Labels—please bring a pair of scissors.

There will be two servant events held off-site:

- ☐ ☐ Crosspointe Lutheran Church—working with the residents at the Good Samaritan Society

which adjoins the church.

- ☐ ☐ Grace Lutheran School—we will be working in the library: labeling, doing inventory, and organizing books.

There are a limited number of volunteers needed for the off-site servant events. They will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please sign up for only one off-site servant event. Each individual attending an off-site servant event will be responsible for her own transportation.

### QUILT AUCTION

New to the convention this year will be a Silent Quilt Auction to benefit Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. You will be able to view and bid on these quilts at the convention.

### BABY QUILT BANNERS

Anyone interested may bring a baby quilt (36"x50") 'banner'. A Bible verse may be safely pinned to the corner for the recipient. Anyone bringing a banner may participate in the procession Sunday morning or just give it to your zone president. These will be donated to First Choice Clinic and the Perry Center in Fargo. No dowels or banner poles - we will just carry them!

### GIFTS FROM THE HEART

We will have the opportunity to show two different groups Jesus' love through our tangible gifts of caring.

**1) PATH**—is a group that assists foster kids who, at age 18, are moving into independent living. They have developed a "Welcome Basket" project in which a laundry basket is filled with basic household items a young person needs as they move out on their own. We would like to suggest that units or groups of units put together a basket and bring it to convention. Put each item on a slip of paper and invite your congregation to take a slip and bring items also. Remember, you are buying things for just **one person** and it is only to get them started in their new life.

#### Items to go in each basket:

Silverware	Towels (bath & kitchen)
Dishes/Glasses	Pillow
Pots & Pans	Cleaning Supplies
Toaster	Laundry Supplies
Baking dishes	Shower Curtain & Rings
Storage containers	Spatula/Colander

Pizza Pan & Pizza Cutter  
 Gift card(s) - grocery, department stores, etc.  
*[New items only please]*

**2) SHEPHERD'S HILL AT THE CROSS-ROADS**—is a retreat/camp owned by our ND District LCMS located near St. John. The following is a list of items needed in the sleeping quarters at the camp. The list has been divided into six groups with each zone being asked to donate items in their group. ***Coordination is key! Please contact your zone president when an item has been purchased so they can cross it off the list and avoid duplicate purchases.***

There is also a list of non-perishable grocery items to which anyone can donate. **Please remember that this is Shepherd's Hill's wish list. They will be very grateful for any help we can give them in their ministry.**

**Eastern Zone—Nikki Rahlf, President**

4 (3 speed) oscillating fans                      3 waste baskets  
 4 bath mats in neutral colors                      3 alarm clocks  
 4 deep queen size sheets sets (tan/cream colors)  
 2 shower curtains in solid neutral colors  
 8 neutral colored towel sets (wash cloth, hand and bath)  
 20 twin mattress covers (plastic full covered)

**SW Zone—Judy Luebke, President**

4 (3 speed) oscillating fans                      3 waste baskets  
 3 alarm clocks                      4 bath mats in neutral colors  
 4 deep queen size sheet sets  
     (2—black and 2—burgandy or baby blue)  
 2 shower curtains in solid neutral colors  
 8 neutral colored towel sets (wash cloth, hand and bath)  
 20 twin mattress covers (plastic full covered)

**NE Zone—Janell Hatloy, President**

6 (3 speed) oscillating fans                      7 full quilts  
 5 queen quilts                      17 new pillows  
 6 alarm clocks                      6 waste baskets  
 4 bath mats in neutral colors  
 2 shower curtains in neutral colors  
 10 towel sets in beige, grey or tan  
     (wash cloth, hand and bath)

**Central Zone—LuAnn Goter, President**

6 (3 speed) oscillating fans                      11 full quilts  
 4 queen quilts                      16 new pillows  
 4 alarm clocks                      6 waste baskets  
 4 bath mats in neutral colors  
 2 shower curtains in neutral colors  
 10 towel sets in beige, grey or tan  
     (wash cloth, hand and bath)

**SE Zone—Carol Luebke, President**

5 (3 speed) oscillating fans                      4 full quilts  
 4 queen quilts                      12 new pillows  
 4 alarm clocks                      7 waste baskets  
 4 bath mats in neutral colors                      Dehumidifier  
 2 shower curtains in neutral colors  
 6 towel sets—beige, grey or tan  
     (wash cloth, hand and bath)

**NW Zone—Carol Debele & Margaret Hall, Co-Presidents**

4 (3 speed) oscillating fans                      4 full quilts  
 1 queen quilt                      6 new pillows  
 3 alarm clocks                      5 waste baskets  
 4 bath mats in neutral colors                      Dehumidifier  
 2 shower curtains in neutral colors  
 4 towel sets—beige, grey or tan  
     (wash cloth, hand and bath)

**Grocery Items**

*(Please check expiration dates as state law will not allow Shepherd's Hill to use outdated products for public consumption)*

Lasagna noodles                      24 cans of tomato sauce (15 oz)  
 24 cans cream of mushroom soup  
 12 cans cream of chicken soup  
 6 cans cream of celery soup                      6 bags chocolate chips  
 6 bags butterscotch chips                      4 bottles of light corn syrup  
 6 jars creamy peanut butter (18 oz)  
 6 boxes Rice Krispies  
 2 bags of Krusteaz pancake mix (5 lb)  
 12 bottles of maple pancake syrup (3-sugar free)  
 24 bottles of ketchup                      2 large cans Hot chocolate mix  
 2 regular and 1 decaf coffee                      1 case paper towels  
 2 cases of POM 400 toilet tissue from Sam's Club (it works well with the septic system)

**CONVENTION OPPORTUNITY**

Do you have a will? Do you know the difference between a will and a living trust? Have you remembered the Lord's work in your estate plan? Do you even have an estate plan? Pat Bilow, LWML's gift planning counselor, will lead a session at our District Convention called, "Are All the Pieces in Place?" In this session, Pat will explain ways in which a charitable estate plan can save taxes as well as provide for ourselves and our heirs. Don't miss this opportunity to learn valuable information! Pat has worked with hundreds of couples/individuals throughout the United States to create what she calls "God plans." Her experience includes certification in gift planning and a 40-year career—20 of which have been in planned giving.

## CONVENTION SPEAKERS



### **Linda Reiser— Immediate Past LWML President**

Linda Reiser was elected as the 15<sup>th</sup> President of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League at the 30<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in June 2003 in Oklahoma City, OK.

Linda served as the Vice-President of Servant Resources for the LWML from 1999-2003 and in various offices of the Nebraska District South LWML, including President from 1992-1996.

Currently, she serves as a member of the LCMS Board for Mission Services, the Lutheran Ministry Foundation of Nebraska Board of Directors, and the LCMS *Ablaze!* Steering Committee. She is an *Ablaze!* Ambassador and is Co-Chair of the Fan Into Flame campaign for Nebraska. In her local church, she serves on the Mission & Ministry Council.

Linda was born and raised on a farm in Nebraska. She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and former high school business teacher. Linda and her husband Ron are of Peace Lutheran Church in Grand Island. They have two children and three grandchildren.



### **Rev. Carl Gnewuch— Senior Counselor for the LWML**

Rev. Carl Gnewuch is the senior pastoral counselor for the LWML. He previously served as a pastoral counselor for the Carolinas District of the LWML. Since graduating from Concordia Seminary, St.

Louis in 1991, he has served as a pastor at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Wayne, Michigan, Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and now serves as the administrative pastor of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Birmingham, Michigan.

Pastor Carl and his beautiful wife, Cindy, recently celebrated their 21<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary and the birth of their third child, Kyle Luke, who loves his big brother Mark. Their sister Stephanie is a member of the Teen LWML at Our Shepherd.



### **Rev. Mark Peske— Pastor/Missionary for the Cass Lake Indian Reservation**

Mark Peske was born in Mora, MN in 1956. His parents were believers and taught him to know

and trust Jesus. He received training as a DCE at Concordia College in St. Paul, during which time he also met and married Sharon Maassel. After graduation, he and Sharon served as short-term missionaries in both Europe and South America and also worked on the staff of Lutheran Island Camp.

Rev. Peske graduated from Concordia Seminary in Ft. Wayne in 1997 and has since served as a messenger of the Good News to the Ojibway People of the Leech Lake Reservation near Bemidji, MN.

He and Sharon have been blessed with six children ranging in age from eleven to twenty four.



### **Bible Study Leaders— Pastor and Michelle Jenks**

Pastor Tim and Michelle Jenks will lead our Bible

studies as a team. Pastor Jenks is the Senior Counselor for our District, and Michelle serves as the District Meeting Coordinator and is a member of the Servant Resources Committee.

Pastor and Michelle have two grown sons, Andrew and Adam. The Jenks are members at Bethel, Bismarck.





### Patricia A. Bilow Gift Planning Counselor for the LWML

Patricia A. Bilow serves as the Gift Planning Counselor for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. She speaks to educate Lutheran women about gift plans that ultimately provide for heirs and ministries such as LWML. She works individually with God's faithful stewards to facilitate a process that culminates with a gift plan for donors. She joined LCMS Foundation in 1998 as the gift planning counselor for the Ohio District LCMS. Prior to that, she served as the Director for Planned Giving for Women of the ELCA. Pat has worked as the VP of Church Relations and Development for Lutheran Social Services of NW Ohio, the first Executive Director of United Way of Henry Co. Ohio, and, additionally, for the United Way of Greater Toledo as Director of Marketing and Communications. Pat has more than 45 years' experience-most of which have been with non-profit organizations.

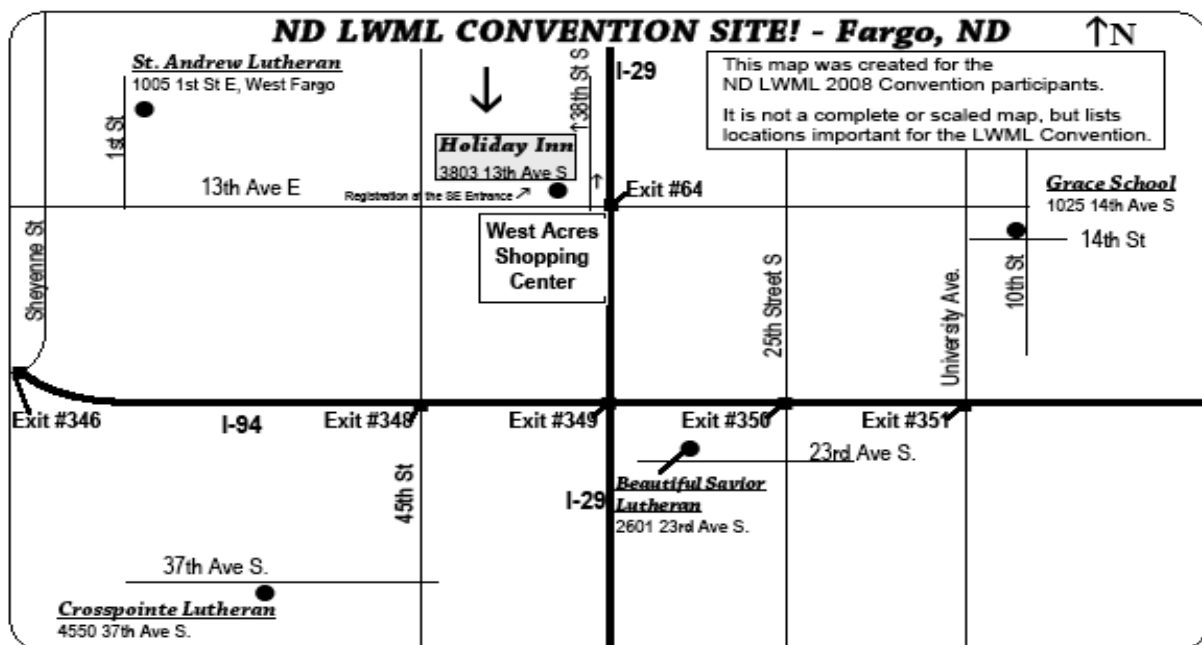
A member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon, Ohio, Pat is married to Josef Kuckelkorn. She has three adult children and four grandchildren.

### Beautiful Savior Praise Band Saturday Night Entertainment



"Rocking' Thru the Ages" Join us for songs from each decade—40's through today, complete with Elvis, Sonny & Cher and more!

Entertainment is included in your registration fee. Extra tickets for family and friends may be purchased for \$5 each on the registration form.





## MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS FOR 2008-2010

### MG 600 - \$2,500 INDIA SCHOOL PROJECT

**Location:** India

**Goal:** To renew school buildings founded by LCMS World Mission missionaries 50-70 years ago in order that Christian witnessing may continue to take place freely in government-sponsored settings.

**Needs:** Renewing school buildings in India so the government will not close the schools due to unsafe conditions.

**Additional Information:** Schools are a major Christian witness in their communities in spite of an adverse political climate. Parents want to send their children to Christian schools because of the spirituality and sincerity of the Christian teachers. The church also has an opportunity to educate its own members and equip them with skills for outreach through the schools. The India Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC) has taken on 25 million of the Ablaze goal of reaching 100 million with the Gospel by 2017. The IELC schools are key to its Ablaze program, for they can reach children and families from all caste backgrounds.

### MG 601 - \$2,500 BEAUTIFUL FEET MISSION CONFERENCE

**Location:** USA

**Goal:** To encourage college students to get involved in mission activity in the schools, community, country, and world.

**Needs:** Transportation funds for students to get to and from the mission event.

**Additional Information:** Beautiful Feet, started by students in the Concordia University system, builds up the future missionaries, church lay leadership and pastors to encourage them in their mission outreach efforts and give them the resources to begin or continue their own mission activities. Attendees have a history of filling various volunteer and career missionary positions around the world through LCMS World Mission.

### MG 602 - \$3,000 LAY LEADERSHIP TRAINING—CHINA

**Location:** Training takes place in China

**Goal:** To train and equip local church leaders with

theological education and training they need to be more effective church leaders; to continue to encourage Chinese Christians in their faith.

**Needs:** Local church leaders are asked to lead Bible studies and worship services with little training. They ask for more training and resources to continue to reach out with the true Gospel message.

**Additional Information:** Chinese Christians face many difficult circumstances. They are requesting not money but the opportunity to learn how to effectively share the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection with their communities.

### MG 603 - \$3,000 CHAPEL ROOFS—GUINEA, WEST AFRICA

**Location:** Guinea

**Goal:** To provide roofs for chapels where our brothers and sisters in Christ worship and coordinate outreach efforts.

**Needs:** Roofs for chapels (completed buildings) and tarps for grass-roofed buildings.

**Additional Information:** LCMS World Mission made a promise to the Christians in Guinea that if congregations would build a chapel up to the roof level, LCMS World Mission would supply the roof. Many West African refugees have fled to Guinea to escape civil war and persecution in Liberia and Sierra Leone. The church has been growing so quickly that the financing has not been able to keep up with the church growth!

### MG 605 - \$5,000 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR PUNJAB CHILDREN

**Location:** Punjab, India

**Goal:** The goal is to provide Christian education for the Sikh, Hindu, and Muslim children of Dasuha. It is anticipated that 80-87% of the students will be from non-Christian families who will send their children for the quality and discipline that Christian education can provide. This school will be attached to the first Lutheran congregation planted in Punjab, India, Lutheran Church of Everlasting Life. LCMS World Mission in partnership with POBLO wants to plant LCMS congregations in these areas of Northern and Central areas of India where these groups are not being reached with the gospel.

**Needs:** Very large farming communities dominate the economy of Punjab. A majority of the population practices the Sikh faith. Good mission schools are found in cities as far as 150 miles from the town of Dasuha. Dasuha itself, therefore, is badly in need of Christian education. From the perspective of missions, a strong rationale for this project is that many in the Dasuha community are receptive to the Christian faith.

**Additional Information:** Very important for outreach and evangelism to students coming from Hindu, Sikh, and Muslim backgrounds—there is no second option for these children in terms of Christian education.

**MG 606 - \$7,500**  
**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN—ND DIVISION**

**Location:** Based in Bottineau, ND

**Goal:** To help needy people with material resources as well as spreading the saving Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

**Needs:** Shipping costs, food items, and funds to supplement ministry, especially in Liberia.

**Additional Information:** Volunteers do all the work and funds to operate all come from contributions by individuals and groups. OGT continues to meet the physical and spiritual needs of destitute people from Russia, Latvia, Liberia, Mexico, and the needs of those who have suffered natural disasters in our own country and state.

**MG 607 - \$1,000**  
**MUSIC MINISTRY—ALL FAITH'S CHAPEL**

**Location:** All Faith's Chapel, Grafton, ND.

**Goal:** All Faith's Chapel music ministry is an effort to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a winsome way first of all to people with developmental disabilities and then to others through original music and Bible study on CD.

**Needs:** To purchase CDs, CD covers and liner notes and cover printing. Cost of finished and printed CDs is approximately \$2.00. Mailing is \$1.46 a copy. Each run of CDs is 200 copies and each mailing is 90. Cost for one run is \$531.60.

**Additional Information:** Pastor Bernie Seter, Grafton, is using his musical gifts to make these CD's and share them, thus bringing the gospel to many people. It is used extensively among the clientele at Grafton. It is used in the local churches and has made its way around the world to Africa and Germany. It aligns with Synod's goal to reach 100 million with the Gospel by

2017. A note would be put in each CD that this is a gift from the ND LWML.

**MG 608 - \$5,000**  
**DEAF INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY**  
**(TRAINING OF DEAF LEADERS AND PASTORS)**

**Location:** D.I.T. at Concordia Seminary - St. Louis

**Goal:** The goal of the Deaf Institute of Theology (DIT) is to reach the over 100 million deaf people world-wide (who do not believe in Jesus) with Word and sacrament ministry by training and equipping deaf leaders to become deaf lay leaders and pastors.

**Needs:** Many districts and countries have asked for help in reaching the deaf. The position of Director of the Deaf Institute of Theology has been established to coordinate training and outreach. This is the only position that synod has which is dedicated to ministering to the deaf. Synod does not have funding for this position and it's work.

**Additional Information:** Over 150 deaf leaders are presently in the deaf lay mission training and six are in training to be pastors through DIT. Work has begun in Ghana, West Africa, India, and Canada. Invitations to begin work have come from many areas around the US and several other countries. The Lord's direction is prayerfully sought.

**MG 610- \$2,000**  
**CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY BOOKS**  
**FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA**

**Location:** Southeast Asia

**Goal:** To provide *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* to children and families in Thai (Thailand), Khmer (Cambodia), and Bahasa (Indonesia) languages.

**Needs:** Through the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, LHF translators and those using these materials (especially *Luther's Small Catechism*) found that typically younger people with young families were most open to learning more about the Christian faith. Lutheran children's books in their own languages are greatly needed to pass on that faith.

**Additional Information:** LHF can change this situation by translating and publishing Bible stories for children in several Southeastern Asian languages. After the translations, both theological and editorial reviewers will prepare the books for publication. Publication costs \$2.00 per copy in SE Asia. These books are then distributed through missionaries, pastors, churches, and Sunday Schools as well as through Lutheran Hour Min-

istries in SE Asia at no cost to the children or their families.

**MG 611 - \$2,500**  
**JEWISH MISSIONS RUSSIAN LITERATURE**  
**DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

**Location:** Apple of His Eye Mission in Moscow, Russia

**Goal:** To develop culturally relevant, confessionally based, mission focused messianic literature in Russian for use in personal evangelism among Jewish people in fulfillment of the Great commission and the LCMS *Ablaze!* initiative fostering individual personal conversations on the person of Jesus among Russian speaking Jewish people & Gentiles worldwide.

**Needs:** Ninety-nine percent of the 13 million Jewish people worldwide do not confess Jesus as their Messiah. It is an urgent need as they are facing a Christ-less eternity! The primary reason is not that they have read and rejected the Gospel message, but that it is perceived to be a foreign message with most materials couched in non-Jewish settings. Christians need effective materials to assist in their personal witness and to do effective messianic follow-up.

**Additional Information:** Funds will be used for literature development and translation into Russian. The Biblical mandate to bring the Gospel to the Jew first is still operative, but for the most part ignored by Christians. Romans 15:27 For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings. Steve Cohen has an MA in Missionology with Jewish studies emphasis and has been involved in mission work since 1976 and is overall leader for Jewish missions.

**MG 612 - \$5,000**  
**ND LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORK CENTERS**

**Location:** Based in LCMS churches in Bottineau, Williston, and Hazen

**Goal:** To provide free Christian Braille with the Good News of Jesus Christ to the visually impaired around the world whom otherwise would not have access to God's Word.

**Needs:** Help to cover the costs of special weight paper, shipping cartons, binders, and tape needed to produce and ship the Christian Braille Books.

**Additional Information:** This is an ongoing project, staffed by committed volunteers. Each Braille center

produces different Christian publications such as the Bible, devotionals, and hymnals. (Different languages are also produced) Requests for material grow daily world-wide. There are over 200 Lutheran Braille Work Centers in the US. Only three are in ND.

**MG 614 - \$3,500**  
**THE SERVANT'S HEART—GUATEMALA—**  
**HOPE FOR A FUTURE**

**Location:** Guatemala City, Guatemala

**Goal:** To fund one classroom of children so each one knows that he or she is a precious child, a chosen child of our Lord and that there is a hope for the future (Jeremiah 29:11).

**Needs:** Thousands of children live in the shanty villages along the trash dump in Guatemala City & have little hope of a life outside the dump. Most of these children are not able to attend school at all. The path to breaking the cycle of poverty - abject poverty - is through each child understanding they are a gift of God; that God has provided them each with many gifts - especially the ultimate gift of Jesus Christ's sacrifice for them; and through academic and vocational training.

**Additional Information:** The Servant's Heart has been serving in Guatemala City since 1991 when Carla Burnell saw the plight of those living and working in the city dump. The majority of these people were of Mayan descent and had never been given the opportunity to go to school. Mayan women were forbidden to learn to read and write until very recently. In January, 2005 by God's grace and including a large grant from LWML, we flung open the doors of El Colegio Luterano El Corazon Del Servidor to 160 students and 10 teachers.

**MG 615 - \$5,000**  
**FOOD & CLOTHING CO-OP—**  
**SEMINARY, FORT WAYNE**

**Location:** Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana

**Goal:** To provide perishable and non-perishable food items and personal care products to seminary students and their families at no cost.

**Needs:** Nearly 70% of the student body today are second career men with families. When these men make the momentous decision to quit their jobs and come to the seminary, these families are thrown into a difficult financial position.

**Additional Information:** Our church is in need of faithful men to spiritually nurture and care for the forgiven children of God as well as bring the lost into the fold. We need to physically nurture these men and their families, so we may prepare them well for their service to the church. The seminary expects to serve approximately 600 people this year, over half of whom are children.

**MG 616- \$3,000**  
**CHRIST THE WAY—RADIO**

**Location:** Based in Jamestown, ND

**Goal:** To spread the Word of God by area Pastors via the Radio.

**Needs:** Air time, tapes, and postage.

**Additional Information:** Christ the Way proclaims God's Word to many in the community who are not able to attend a worship service and do not have a church home. The program has a good listener audience and comments are that it is very much enjoyed and a blessing to all, especially shut-ins. Listeners enjoy listening to the different Pastors.

**MG 617 - \$3,000**  
**TUITION ASSISTANCE—MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL**

**Location:** Bismarck, ND-- Martin Luther School

**Goal:** The grant will provide funds to offer assistance to needy families for tuition payments to Martin Luther School.

**Needs:** Many families come to us wanting their children to have a Christ-centered education, but cannot afford it.

**Additional Information:** Each year we award six to seven thousand dollars in tuition assistance. With this grant, we could significantly raise that amount. Everyone should have access to Christian education!

**MG 618 - \$3,000**  
**BC MISSION BOAT SOCIETY**

**Location:** Home base is Parksville, B.C., Canada

**Goal:** To show and bring the love of Jesus Christ, by a ship based mission, to the remote British Columbia coastal communities.

**Needs:** Funds to pay for training local people and training materials for volunteers, evangelism courses,

and Bible studies.

**Additional Information:** The mission boat goes out for the months of July and August and land-based teams visit places that are accessible by land and water taxi throughout the year, thus enriching the ministry, maintaining relationships, and providing ongoing support. The Mission Boat Society is a training area for interns of the Oswald Hoffmann School of Evangelism of Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota. The pastoral leadership of this Boat Society was a son of St. John Lutheran of Kongsberg. Rev. Robert Koebernick was baptized, confirmed, and ordained there. Since the Lord has seen fit to call Rev. Bob and his wife to Himself, the LWML Unit of St. John, Kongsberg, would like to have this project adopted in their memory and to God's glory.

**MG 619- \$10,000**  
**ND DISTRICT LCMS START—**  
**SOUTH FARGO & NORTH BISMARCK**

**Location:** South Fargo, ND and North Bismarck, ND.

**Goal:** To further the work of our Lord in fast growing areas of North Dakota, two mission planters have been called into service.

**Needs:** We need to take care of the basic needs of the mission planters (pastors) - salary, benefits, housing, and immediate needs so they may do their work in preparation of their new congregations.

**Additional Information:** The need for mission starts is great and exciting and anything we can do to assist and show our support will be God pleasing. This grant will assist our ND LCMS District, freeing up funds for them to use in other areas.

**MG 620 - \$5,000**  
**PROJECT 24**

**Location:** Kenya, East Africa

**Goal:** Five laymen from North Dakota recently returned from Kenya and, after viewing the devastation caused by AIDS and hearing the bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church express his need for 24 orphan rescue centers, decided to do something.

**Needs:** 14 million Kenyan children have lost one or both parents to AIDS. Consequently, the Lutheran church in Kenya is desperate to house, feed, and clothe these children. Every church in Kenya is in fact an orphanage.



**Additional Information:** Cost of the average rescue center is approximately \$40,000. Every dollar raised will be matched by LCMS World Relief and Human Care.

#### **MG 621 - \$3,000**

##### **THE RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, AND EQUIPPING OF NATIVE AMERICANS FOR FULL-TIME CHURCH WORK AND MINISTRY**

**Location:** American Indian Native Alaskan communities within the U.S.

**Goal:** The primary focus of the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S. is to identify, recruit, train, equip, and empower Native Americans for ministry to their own and to others.

**Needs:** The cost of equipping and empowering a native person through this program is approximately \$15,000 to \$30,000 per year, depending upon individual circumstances, including salary for part-time ministry, ministry costs, and tuition.

**Additional Information:** Having Native Americans who know the language, culture, legends, and traditions of their people is so beneficial when it comes to bringing them into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ and in ministering to their own (of whom less than 3% know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior).

#### **MG-622 - \$2,500**

##### **BIBLES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

**Location:** Ministry sites across the U.S.A.

**Goal:** A grant of \$5,000 would provide Bibles for a large number of our ministry sites around the country and potentially give 500 international students and children a copy of the Bible in their language or in English. If full funding of \$5,000 were not received, we would distribute \$250 to ministry sites on a first come first served basis.

**Needs:** Currently, there are over 80 LCMS ministries at colleges and universities where Bible study is essential in bringing Christ to international students. Bible classes are usually conducted in English, and they are greatly enhanced when students can use bi-lingual Bibles. One international scholar said it in these words: "I learned much information about Jesus and the Bible in English, but I learned to *love* Him when I read about Him in Chinese.

**Additional Information:** Children of these scholars eagerly want to learn English and the American way of

life. What better way than to be given an age appropriate children's Bible. There is no source of regular funding to purchase these bi-lingual Bibles, or Bibles in the native languages of international students. ISM Inc. is an LCMS mission society that works in partnership with LCMS World Mission to train workers for ministry among internationals and to assist them in praying for and raising money for their ministries. Their primary mission is to minister amongst visiting international students, scholars and their families, reaching out in friendship, hospitality, educational programs and with the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ. No other LCMS organization has this as their primary mission.

#### **MG 623 - \$4,000**

##### **PRODUCTION OF LARGE TYPE MATERIALS— NEW SALEM**

**Location:** Work center at Zion Lutheran Church, New Salem, ND

**Goal:** To assist the work center in New Salem with the supplies needed to produce large type materials for Lutheran Blind Mission.

**Needs:** Paper, spines, envelopes, etc.

**Additional Information:** This is the only mission that produces scripture calendars and magazines in the LCMS and provides them to readers at no cost. Zion church produces all of the scripture calendars, over 4200 in all and over 1,800 copies of the LWML Quarterly each year. Annual large type costs for all of Lutheran Blind Ministries magazines is \$26,871.64.

#### **MG 624 - \$2,500**

##### **MISSIONARY CANDIDATE TRAINING—LBT**

**Location:** Training in Dallas, Texas

**Goal:** The goal of the project is to provide excellent training for Lutheran Bible Translators' missionaries who are preparing for the ministry of Bible translation so that they can help people have the powerful Word of God in their own language, the language that touches their hearts.

**Needs:** At any given time, Lutheran Bible Translators has a number of missionary candidates in training at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics in Dallas, Texas. Each of these candidates has a need for help in paying tuition costs.

**Additional Information:** The funds will be used to pay for tuition and books at the Institute in Dallas

where they receive their specialized training in the fall of 2008 and the spring and fall of 2009. There are still more than 3,000 languages into which the Word of God has not been translated. There is an urgent need to get more people involved in this work as soon as possible. LBT is the only Lutheran mission agency focused on Bible translation.

**MG 625 - \$6,000**  
**CURRICULUM UPGRADE—**  
**LYNCH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

**Location:** Lynch Immanuel Lutheran School - Glenburn, ND

**Goal:** To upgrade the school's Christian and secular curriculums and allow us to better proclaim the Gospel to the children, their families, and friends.

**Needs:** The Preschool and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade need a Christian curriculum. The Preschool secular curriculum needs to be upgraded to the same curriculum as that used by the Kindergarten and the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. The Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade secular curriculum needs to finish the upgrade that was started in 2006 and 2007 respectively.

**Additional Information:** Lynch Immanuel Lutheran School is a necessary mission field in a predominantly rural neighborhood with a major military installation located within it's midst, and has already drawn new members to the LCMS church. There is a greater need for a private Christian education in our area. Enhancing our Christian and secular educational offerings, would give us a much more attractive educational package to offer the parents in our community and enhance our ability to proclaim the Gospel to children and their families and friends.

**MG 626 - \$4,000**  
**ND DISTRICT KID'S & ENCOUNTER CAMPS**

**Location:** Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, ND

**Goal:** To help keep cost of registration at our youth camps (Kid's camp and Encounter Camp) at a reasonable amount so all youth will have the opportunity to attend. The nurturing of Christ centered relationships at the camps is priceless!

**Needs:** To defray all costs related to the operation of our Bible camps.

**Additional Information:** These monies are not distributed to individual children, but rather lower the cost of camp for all students. Registration fees for campers without a subsidy would be approximately \$185 per

child, which would make camp too expensive for many youth.

**MG 627 - \$30,000**  
**ND Full-time Church Worker's Scholarships**

**Location:** Distributed by ND-LCMS District Office

**Goal:** To help students with their financial needs and obligations while attending school to become full-time church workers.

**Needs:** Financial aid to help the students with the costs needed to complete their education.

**Additional Information:** Our youth and adults who feel called to be educated and work for the LCMS as full-time church workers need to be encouraged and helped as they serve the Lord in a wide mission field. The cost of education continues to escalate and is often a burden for those who desire to serve the Lord. This grant will help them and encourage them as they pursue their education.

**MG 629 - \$8,000**  
**SOUTH FARGO MISSION**  
**(FURNISHING CROSSPOINTE)**

**Location:** Fargo, ND

**Goal:** The goal of the project would be to provide funding which would be used to purchase chancel and sanctuary furnishings for Crosspointe Lutheran Church in South Fargo.

**Needs:** Crosspointe Lutheran Church is a new mission church of the ND LCMS located in Southwest Fargo. The congregation has a building which is part of the Good Samaritan Assisted Living Center. The church needs furnishings for the chancel, such as altar, lectern, pulpit, baptismal font, and chancel seating. They also need chairs or pews for the sanctuary. Altar ware, paraments, and other items will also be needed for this new congregation.

**Additional Information:** This mission congregation is a collaborative project of the ND District LCMS. This is an opportunity for the LWML to be a part of this new mission. SW Fargo is a rapidly growing area and there are many people in need of the gospel. This congregation will reach out with God's love to the people of the area. A well furnished church will welcome those who are seeking a place to worship.

## 2008 ND DISTRICT LWML CANDIDATES



### NOMINEE FOR JUNIOR COUNSELOR:

#### PASTOR CRAIG FENSKE

Pastor Craig Fenske is currently serving Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Forks. He earned his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Pastor Fenske is married to Linda and has two children. Pastor Fenske has served at Christ the King in Waxahachie, Texas; Our Savior in Dallas, Texas; and Holy Trinity in St. Clair, Missouri. Pastor Fenske has served the LWML as Zone Pastoral Advisor for the Northeast Zone. Pastor Fenske is currently serving on the District Division of Outreach and Evangelism. He has served on the Board of Directors in Franklin County, Missouri and Habitat for Humanity. Pastor Fenske's favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13.



### NOMINEE FOR JUNIOR COUNSELOR:

#### PASTOR DAVID SUELZLE

Pastor David Suelzle is currently serving St. Matthew in Hazen. He earned his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. Pastor Suelzle is married to Ronda and has two children. Pastor Suelzle served Zion Lutheran Church in Hay Springs, Nebraska before coming to Hazen. Pastor Suelzle has served as the LWML Zone Pastoral Advisor in Nebraska and the ND SE Zone, Evangelism Committee of the Wyoming District, District Lutheran Open House Mission Committee, SW Zone LYF Pastor Advisor, District Division of Youth Ministry and ND District Encounter Camp. One of Pastor Suelzle's favorite Bible verses is Psalm 46:10.

### NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT: SUE CORWIN

Sue is a member at Concordia in Jamestown, located in the Central Zone. Sue has served her local LWML as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Christian life chairman. At the LWML District level Sue has served as Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary and on the Human Care Committee. She has also served on the ND District LCMS Division of Youth Ministry. Sue has been active in her church serving on the Board of Education, youth leader, Sunday school superintendent, VBS director and on the Church Council. Sue has one daughter, Sheila and one son, Chris. She has served in her community as a Community Christian Youth-secretary and treasurer and also as secretary for the Youth for Christ. One of Sue's favorite Bible verses is Isaiah 40:31.



### NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT: DOROTHEA SINCEBAUGH

Dorothea (Dottie) is a member at Grace Lutheran Church in Fargo, located in the Eastern Zone. Dottie has served her local LWML as Christian Growth Chairman, Vice-President, Program Chairman and President. At the LWML district level Dottie has served as Bylaws Committee member and chairman, Zone President, Development Committee member and chairman, Co-Chairman of 50th Anniversary Committee, President and Parliamentarian. Dottie has also served at the National LWML level as member of the Leader Development Committee, and Chairman of the Human Care Committee. Dottie has been active in her church serving as Sunday School Superintendent, Stewardship Committee member, Member and President of Red River Lutheran School Board of Education, Sunday School teacher, VBS teacher and director, pre-confirmation teacher, participant and leader of Women's Bible Study Groups and a mentor Mom for MOPS local group. She has been a participant in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Dottie was married to Norman (deceased) and has four children: Rhoda, Rachel, David, Joel (deceased) and 6 grandchildren. Her favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11.



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### NOMINEE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF MISSION GRANTS:

#### RHONDA HOGE

Rhonda is a member at Beautiful Savior in Fargo, located in the Eastern Zone. Rhonda has served her local LWML as President, Chairman of Christian Life and Servant Resources. At the LWML District level Rhonda has served as Vice-President of Christian Life, Vice-President of Servant Resources and Convention Co-Chairman. She has also served at the National LWML level as member of Dream team. Rhonda has been active in her church serving as Fellowship Co-Coordinator, Sunday School teacher, Women's Bible Study leader, Confirmation teacher and in the choir. Rhonda is married to Chuck and has three children Charlie, Tom and Elli. She has served in her community as a Fine Arts Sports Chairman and Fargo Country Club Women's Golf Chairman. Rhonda's favorite Bible verses are Ephesians 2:8-9.




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### NOMINEE FOR TREASURER: AVONNE GESSNER

Avonne is a member at Our Savior in Bottineau, located in the Northwest Zone. Avonne has served her local LWML as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Christian Life Chairman. At the LWML District level Avonne has served as Financial Secretary, Treasurer, By-laws Committee, Gifts & Bequests Committee and District Convention Co-Chairman. Avonne has been active in her church serving as a Sunday School teacher, organist and worship committee. Avonne is married to Harold and has three daughters and six grandchildren. She has served in her community as a PTA officer, Orphan Grain Train volunteer and Braille Center volunteer. Avonne's favorite Bible verse is Revelation 2:10.




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### NOMINEE FOR TREASURER: RENEE JOHNSON

Renee is a member at St Marks in Minot, located in the Northwest Zone. Renee has served her local LWML as Treasurer, Secretary, Christian Growth Committee and Circle Chairman. At the LWML District level Renee has served as Public Relations Director and manages the LWML Store. She has been active in her church serving as Secretary and a Sunday School teacher. Renee is married to Brian and has one son. She has served in her community with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Renee's favorite Bible verse is Romans 8:28.




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### NOMINEE FOR TREASURER: SHARON KROEPLIN

Sharon is a member at Trinity in Hope, located in the Eastern Zone. Sharon has served her local LWML as President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Christian Growth. Sharon has been active in her church serving as a Co-Chairman for the 100th Anniversary of her church, Altar Committee and a Sunday School teacher. Sharon is married to Ken and has two daughters, Kimberly and Shannon, one son, Shane and 7 grandchildren. She has served in her community on the Advisory Board for the Hope Area Endowment Fund, volunteers for the American Cancer Society, Hospice and Thrivent. She belongs to the Homemakers Group and has put on 11 Variety Shows in the community to raise money for the community pool. Sharon's favorite Bible verse is Psalm 55:22.





## 2008 ND DISTRICT LWML CANDIDATES



### NOMINEE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF HUMAN CARE:

#### VALERIE BIBERDORF

Valerie is a member at Grace Lutheran in Carrington, located in the Central Zone. Valerie has served her local LWML as President, Vice-President and Secretary. At the LWML District level Valerie has served as Vice-President of Human Care and Zone President. Valerie has been active in her church serving as a Sunday School teacher, VBS teacher, choir member and on the Altar Guild. Valerie is married to Pastor Richard and has two sons, Nathanael and Philip. Valerie's favorite Bible verse is 1 Corinthians 15:57.



### NOMINEE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF HUMAN CARE:

#### MARILYN HANSON

Marilyn is a member at Immanuel in Fargo, located in the Eastern Zone. Marilyn has served her local LWML as President and Circle Chairman. Marilyn is married to Don and has three children and seven grandchildren. She has served in her community on the PTA and as secretary for the Arizona Park Association.

### NOMINEE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

#### EVELYN ALLENSWORTH

Evelyn is a member at Zion English in Grafton, located in the Northeast Zone. Evelyn has served her local LWML as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Serving Committee and Supporter for Confirmation Classes. Evelyn has served on the ND District LCMS Congregational Health Division and is a District Religion teacher at All Faith's Chapel. Evelyn has been active in her church serving as a Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, VBS Coordinator, Serving Committee and member of the choir. Evelyn has two children Zach and Laura. She has served in her community as Chairman of Human Rights Committee and a representative for All faith's Chapel in the Grafton Ministerial Association. Evelyn's favorite Bible verse is John 3:16.



### NOMINEE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

#### JANET BAKER

Janet is a member at St Andrew in West Fargo, located in the Eastern Zone. Janet has served her local LWML as President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of Christian Growth. At the LWML District level Janet has served as Vice-President of Christian Growth, Treasurer and Zone President and District Convention Co-Chairman. Janet has six children and eleven grandchildren. She has served in her community as treasurer of Home Meals Service and secretary of her afternoon bowling league. Janet's favorite Bible verses are Isaiah 55:8 & 9.

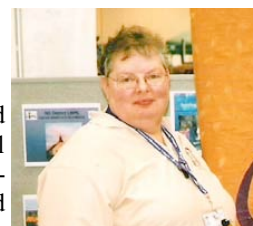


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### NOMINEE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

#### LUANN GOTER

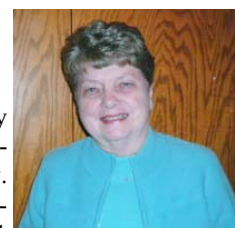
LuAnn is a member at Redeemer in Woodworth, located in the Central Zone. LuAnn has served her local LWML as President, Vice-President and Secretary. At the LWML District level LuAnn has served as Zone President. LuAnn has been active in her church serving as Fellowship Sunday School teacher and Vacation Bible School teacher. LuAnn has three children and nine grandchildren. She has served in her community as Secretary for the American Legion Auxiliary, secretary/treasurer for FFA Alumni and treasurer for the Foster County FCE. LuAnn's favorite Bible verses are Ephesians 2:8-9.



### NOMINEE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

#### SHIRLEY HALL

Shirley is a member at Bethlehem/St. John's in Upham, located in the Northwest Zone. Shirley has served her local LWML as President and Chairman of Christian Growth. At the LWML District level Shirley has served as Zone President, Corresponding Secretary and Financial Secretary. Shirley has been active in her church serving as organist, Sunday School teacher and Superintendent, VBS teacher and in the choir. Shirley is married to Myrlin and has four children and 11 grandchildren. Shirley's favorite Bible verse is John 6:68.



### NOMINEE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

#### JENNIFER TRITTIN

Jennifer is a member at Immanuel in rural Lidgerwood, located in the Southeast Zone. Jennifer has served her local LWML as Treasurer. Jennifer has been active in her church serving as a Sunday School teacher. Jennifer is single, her parents are Ernst and Elaine Trittin. Jennifer's favorite Bible verse is Joshua 1:9.



### NOMINEE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

#### NIKKI TYRRELL

Nikki is a member at Redeemer in Dickinson, located in the Southwest Zone. Nikki has served her local LWML as President and Vice-President. At the LWML District level Nikki has served as a member of the Human Care Committee, Young Women's Representative and a Leadership for Tomorrow participant. She has also served at the National LWML level as a member of Leader Development Committee and is a member of Media and Marketing Committee. Nikki has been active in her church serving as Youth Board member and Chairman, Board of Mission and Outreach member and Chairman and a Sunday School teacher. Nikki is married to Doug and has four daughters. She has served in her community as a member of the Richardton/Taylor School Board. Nikki's favorite Bible verse is 1 Corinthians 15:58b.



## INFORMATION FOR THE CONVENTION DELEGATE

You have been selected to serve as a delegate to the District LWML Convention. You have been given the privilege and responsibility to vote for mission grants, new officers and the opportunity to enrich your personal and spiritual growth. These tips will help you plan to be a successful delegate and to enjoy attending the convention.

**This page is for delegates only. Disregard if you will not be voting. This is the only information that will be sent out for delegates. The Delegate Form can be found on page 18 of this publication.**

### READ THIS CALL TO CONVENTION PUBLICATION

Study, as soon as possible, all information included in this publication. You should be able to inform your fellow members about the basic schedule, speakers, servant events, Gifts From the Heart and all information regarding the convention agenda.

### REGISTRATION & DELEGATE FORMS

Send in your registration and delegate forms as soon as possible. The list of delegates is used by President Debbie Larson to make committee appointments. **The deadline for Delegate Forms is May 27, 2008. The deadline for Registration is May 31, 2008.**

### STUDY THE MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

Study and discuss all the available information with your society. You should know their feelings about grants because you are representing them. Choose with your unit the grants you will vote for.

You will be asked to vote for only five (5) proposals.

### STUDY THE SLATE OF OFFICERS

Evaluate the candidates' experience and backgrounds and ask the Lord for guidance. You will help decide the leaders for the next biennium. Again, share all information with your society and vote according to their wishes.

### PLAN TO CIRCULATE AT CONVENTION

Plan to meet new people. Use mealtimes as an opportunity to share joys and challenges of your society's activities with new acquaintances.

### PLAN TO ATTEND ALL SESSIONS

You will not want to miss an opportunity to decide on an important business matter.

### BE IN YOUR DELEGATE'S SEAT

Plan to arrive five minutes before the sessions are scheduled to begin. This will provide time to focus on the upcoming business.

### SPEND TIME IN PRAYER

Every morning, before you begin the day's busy schedule, spend time in prayer. Private devotions will bring the day into the proper perspective.

### REVIEW CONVENTION OFFERINGS

Review the convention offerings with your society and ask if they would like to send a check for each offering. Also, share this information with your church members so they may have the opportunity to give.

### PLAN TO ATTEND THE DELEGATE MEETING

Plan to arrive in Fargo in time to attend the **delegate meeting** at St Andrew Lutheran Church at **4:15 PM** on Friday. This is **vital** to understanding the voting procedure. You will meet the candidates for office, review the proposed budget and mission goals, receive instructions for voting and be able to ask any questions that you might have. If you cannot make this meeting, you are asked to contact

President Debbie Larson at  
debbielarson@bis.midco.net or (701) 222-2812.

### PLAN YOUR CONVENTION REPORT

Those who were not able to attend will want to hear all about the convention. Take time during the convention to plan your report. Plan how and what you will share with your society when you return home.

### GIVE THANKS AND GLORY TO GOD

God has enabled you to be an ambassador for Him and the LWML. Renew your commitment to  
"Serve the Lord with Gladness."

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June 27-29, 2008  
Fargo, ND



Return this form by **May 27, 2008** to:

Ruth Walsh  
ND LWML Recording Secretary  
1733 4th Street North  
Fargo ND 58102

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegates:

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>

Alternate Delegates:

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>

Delegate credentials are to be received by the recording secretary 30 days prior to the convention to determine authenticity. (Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3e)

Unit membership shall be: "Women's organizations within congregations of LCMS, ...One or more societies affiliated with the LWML within a congregation...shall be considered one unit." (Article III, Section 1) A congregation may have more than one society, but is only one unit.

Delegates: "The voting assembly of the convention shall be: two accredited delegates from each unit." (Article IV, Section 3a)



33rd Biennial Convention of the  
North Dakota District  
Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
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<b>NAME</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP</b>
<b>CONGREGATION</b>	<b>CITY</b>
<b>LWML ZONE (please check one):</b> Northwest    Southwest    Central    Northeast    Southeast    Eastern	
<b>MY E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Registration Deadline is <u>May 31, 2008</u></b> <b>(Be sure to fill out <u>front &amp; back</u> of Registration Form)</b>  Return this Registration Form with payment to: <b>Louise Tegtmeier</b> <b>15188 12th St SE</b>	<b>No refunds will be made after June 14, 2008</b>  Make checks payable to: <b>ND District LWML Convention</b>

**PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**

Delegate	Alternate
Worker	Guest
First Time Attendee	Exhibitor
Young Woman [ages 18-35]	
Past ND District President	
Pastoral Counselor	
District	Zone      Local Unit
District Board Member	
Voting	Non-voting

**CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS DVD**

A DVD with convention highlights will be available for you to purchase. You may preorder a DVD on this Registration Form and a copy will be mailed to you after the Convention.

**CHILD CARE INFORMATION—'Kids Kamp'**

*Free childcare for children under age 12.  
Must pre-register by May 31.*

Saturday all day [lunch provided] 7:30 AM—5:30 PM

**Names and ages of children:**


**HOME/HOUSING INFORMATION**

Each registrant is responsible for their own housing accommodations. Rooms are being held at the Holiday Inn (701-282-2700). When calling for reservations, be sure to mention that you are with the LWML for a rate of \$99.95 a night. **Or you may choose to stay as a guest in a local LWMLers home.** Please call Beth Fortier at 701-388-4536 about this option. Available homes are limited to first-come, first-served.

**I WILL PARTICIPATE IN:**

**Convention Choir**

Rehearsal — 5:00 PM on Friday, June 27  
Location — St Andrew Lutheran Church

**Servant Events will be held on Friday, June 27**

Marking Bibles for prison ministry  
1:00-4:00 pm ~ Holiday Inn

Bloodmobile  
1:00-4:00 pm ~ parking lot at Holiday Inn

Making fleece Blankets  
1:00-4:00 pm ~ Holiday Inn

☐ Cutting Box Tops/Labels  
1:00-4:00 pm ~ Holiday Inn

Crosspointe Lutheran Church  
1:00-4:00 pm

Grace Lutheran School  
1:00-4:00 pm

Details on Servant  
Events can be  
found on Page 3  
of this publication.

**Mission Festival & Buffet ~ Friday from 5:30-7:00 pm  
St Andrew Lutheran Church**

☐ I plan to attend the Mission Festival! (no cost)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number who will attend the Mission Festival  
with me! (include only those not registering).

**REGISTRATION AND OTHER FEES**

Registration for Friday - Sunday, June 27-29, 2008	\$50.00	\$
Registration for Saturday, June 28, 2008 only	\$40.00	\$
Registration for Convention Workers	\$30.00	\$
Registration for Young Women [ages 18-35] includes Sat luncheon	\$20.00	\$
Spouse Registration Fee / Name:	\$30.00	\$
Entertainment on Saturday Night (for those <b>not</b> registered)	\$5.00	\$
I will be staying at: Holiday Inn (\$99.95/night—mention LWML)	Make own reservations	701-282-2700
I will be staying in: <input type="checkbox"/> LWML'er local home (This option is first-come, first served)	Contact Beth Fortier	701-388-4536 (cell)
Meal package: 3 meals on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday	\$47.00	\$
or meal options: <input type="checkbox"/> Sat Breakfast-\$9.00      Sat Lunch-\$13.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Sat Dinner-\$18.00      Sun Breakfast-\$9.00	Please put total \$ of meals wanted →	\$
Box Lunch for Sunday	\$9.00	\$
Charms Convention charm # _____ Convention Pin / Tie Tack # _____	\$7.00 / each	\$
Convention Highlights DVD (will be mailed to you after Convention)	\$7.00 / each	
<b>Total Amount Due</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>\$</b>

For questions, please contact :

I have physical limitations (please explain):

**Louise Tegtmeier, Registrar**  
701-874-2129  
louise@ourfarmstead.com

Please send my registration confirmation by:    E-mail    Mail

<b>LWML HEALTH AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM</b> <i>This form needs to be completed along with the Registration Form</i>		1 form needed per person
<b>PERSONAL INFORMATION</b>		
Name _____		Home Phone _____
Address _____		
<b>EMERGENCY INFORMATION</b> Whom should we notify in case of an emergency?		
Name _____		Relationship _____
Day Phone _____		Night Phone _____
<b>MEDICAL INFORMATION</b>		
Please list any health conditions that should be known before any emergency treatment:		
Please list any medications emergency personnel should be aware of:		
<b>SIGNATURE</b> _____		<b>DATE</b> _____

## The District LWML Email Prayer Chain

The District Board of Directors continues to maintain an email prayer chain. This allows for fast broadcasting of information and the prayer chain is very active. It is maintained by President Debbie Larson and open to anyone who would like to participate.



We find comfort and peace, knowing that God does hear our prayers and will answer them. Let's never forget – the power of prayer doesn't come from the pray-er, and it isn't in the words, but it comes from the One who calls us His own. We pray so that we will always be aware of His power, mercy, forgiveness and love.



Please send (or e-mail) your address changes and newsletter quantity changes to Kathy Huettl; Thank you!

## Young Women's Retreat

Even though a bitter cold snap had hit Bismarck during the second week-end of February, it did not keep a dozen young women from the district from attending the Young Women's Retreat this year.

This year's theme, Comforts of Home, as well as the activities that were planned for the weekend kept everyone busy and warm! Bible studies were led by Pastor Dean Hartley. Other *older* women attending – Sue Hartley, Michelle Jenks and Marilyn Eaves (the District Servant Resources Committee) provided mentoring to the younger women.



Activities included a relaxed evening on Friday getting to know one another. Saturday was busy with Bible study, games, crafts, and working with youth from Charles Hall to bake cookies and make tied fleece blankets.

The District's Young Women Committee (Eileen Larson, Tina Davison, and Kim Kuhlmann) did an outstanding job planning the event. It is an event that our young women won't want to miss, so start now to encourage all the young women you know to attend next year's retreat!

### Your 2006-2008 District Officers and Zone Presidents

Due to limited space in this issue, a complete listing of the District officers and zone presidents is not included in this issue. For a complete listing, please refer to the last issue of The Messenger or go the website at [www.nd-lwml.org](http://www.nd-lwml.org).

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Send any articles for the upcoming issues to: Kathy Huettl.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Sites</u>	<u>Address</u>
May 19-23	Lutheran Social Services	1325 S 11th St, Fargo
May 19-20	Midwest Motor Express	77 9th Ave E, Dickinson
May 20-21	Midwest Motor Express	3320 2nd Ave W, Williston
May 21-22	Midwest Motor Express	5015 Main Ave E, Bismarck
May 21-22	Midwest Motor Express	1900 22nd Ave SE, Minot
May 22-23	Midwest Motor Express	2215 N Washington, Grand Forks

## MISSION GRANTS 2006-2008

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount Budgeted</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Orphan Grain Train - ND Division	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$-0-
North Dakota Full-Time Church Worker's Scholarships	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$-0-
Vehicle for Pastor Joseph	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$-0-
Christian Braille Books	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$-0-
Financial Assistance for the Food & Clothing Co-op at Fort Wayne Seminary	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$-0-
Purchase of Spanish Bibles, Christian VBS & SS Materials for Outreach in Mexico	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$-0-
Grace Lutheran School - Technical upgrade	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$-0-
Kenya Sewing Machine Project	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$-0-
Production of Lge Type Material - New Salem	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$-0-
<u>ND District LCMS Youth Camp Subsidy *</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>
*Partial funding			
Total	\$62,000	\$58,500	\$3,500

## Rallies - Spring 2008

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Central	April 12	Ellendale
Eastern	April 12	St. Andrew, Fargo
Northeast	April 19	St. Peter, Devils Lake
Northwest	April 19	St. Paul's, Minot
Southeast	April 26	Trinity, Great Bend
Southwest	April 12	Hazen

*Make plans today to attend a Zone Rally this spring. If you cannot attend the one in your zone, consider getting a group together and visiting another zone. Many new and exciting items will be on your agenda! Some of these dates are subject to change—check with your zone president*

## Honor/Memorials

Received through February 2008

***In Honor of***  
*Ina Schlichtmann*



### ***In Memory of***

*Dorothy Bohn  
LaVonne Crandell  
Louise Harms  
Edna Kaelberer  
Esther Koppelman  
Virginia Krause*

*Viola Ludwig  
Gene Ponto  
Joe Mather  
Avis Salszieder  
Wally Shelver  
Bud Vosberg  
Beverly Zwetzig*

### —Hodge Podge—

- Remember the LWML with *your* memorials or honorariums. If you are in need of “Joy Cards”, contact Myra Axtman.

- Are you looking for your mite calendars? They are now available on our ND LWML website ([www.nd-lwml.org](http://www.nd-lwml.org)). *If you need copies sent to your units, you will need to contact Kathy Huettl to have a copy included in your mailing!!!*

### —LOOKING AHEAD—

- **Board of Directors Meetings:**

August 2 - Chieftain in Carrington

November 14 - Chieftain in Carrington

- **ZOOM Workshop**

November 15 - Chieftain in Carrington

- **LWML Conventions:**

June 25-28, 2009 in Portland, Ore.

- **2008 Fall Retreat:**

Sept. 12-14 @ Chieftain in Carrington

- **ND District Conventions:**

June 27-28, 2008 in Fargo @ Holiday Inn

Deadline for July-August-September  
Newsletter — July 10



*The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.*